

House Concurrent Resolution No.

Whereas, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states that the President of the United States "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States"; and

Whereas, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified twenty-two judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

Whereas, forty-three of President Bush's judicial nominees are pending before the United States Senate; and

Whereas, 63% of President Bush's Court of Appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

Whereas, 42% of President Bush's District Court nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

Whereas, a minority of United States Senators have used dilatory tactics to prevent a floor vote in the United States Senate on six of President Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary; and

Whereas, each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a majority of the United States Senate, as is required by the United States Constitution:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby request the United States Senate to work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on all judicial nominations; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for United States Senators Jim Talent and Kit Bond.

Offered by Representative Rod Jetton

Stephen S. Davis, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Terry L. Spieler, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of House Concurrent Resolution No.

, adopted by the House of Representatives on , 2004, and concurred in the Senate on , 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Secretary of the Senate